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STAT 6. [] LEGISLATION Spoke with Mr. Paul Rosenthal, Counsel for the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. In response to my query, Paul stated that the Civil Service Act had not yet been printed, that he did not know when it would be and that all that is currently available is the Conference Report, a copy of which we already have in the form of the Congressional Record.

STAT 7. [] LEGISLATION Called Bob Linder, Chief Executive Clerk, White House Office of Administration and Budget, to inquire as to Presidential action on H.R. 12598. Mr. Linder informed me that the President has signed the enrolled bill (the President had until 7 October to act) and that to his knowledge a signing statement will accompany the Act. Tracey Cole, OMB, subsequently confirmed this information.

STAT 8. [] LEGISLATION Spoke with Larry Hammond, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, to bring him up to date on the Federal Accounting and Auditing bill, H.R. 12171. Mr. Hammond said that he had just reviewed a letter to be sent under Pat Wald's signature to Senator James O. Eastland (D., Miss.), indicating that the Justice Department has serious concerns with the legislation, and in their view the bill should be referred to Senate committee where hearings could take place.

STAT 9. [] LEGISLATION Spoke with Bob Kimmet and Sam Hoskinson, NSC staff, regarding H.R. 12171, after the SCC Charter Working Group Meeting. Bob said he is aware of the problems that may develop with regard to the "shall be reviewable" language in the Brooks' amendment. He asked what we think should be done. I indicated that we'd like to see the bill derailed, viz., taken off the "table" and referred to a Senate committee where Executive Branch concerns could be seriously considered. Bob said he'd take this matter to Frank Moore's staff to see what he could do. STAT

STAT 10. [] LEGISLATION Spoke with [] NSA General Counsel, with regard to H.R. 12171, the "Federal Accounting and Auditing Act of 1977." [] recalled an earlier discussion I had with him on the same subject and reiterated NSA's opinion that the bill causes them no trouble since GAO is already reviewing their accounts. I told [] that there was a new wrinkle to the bill, the aspect of HPSCI/SSCI reviewability, and directed his attention to the appropriate pages in the Congressional Record. I asked [] to review the matter and let us know if NSA has any problems. STAT